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Concordia University Creates School of Canadian Irish Studies

At recent meetings of Concordia University's Senate and Board of Governors, approval was given to create an independent academic unit for Canadian Irish Studies. After more than fifteen years of incremental growth, the creation of the School of Canadian Irish Studies is a major development which will pave the way for further dramatic expansion in the future.

In commenting on this landmark moment, Michael Kenneally, Chair in Canadian Irish Studies and Director of the Centre for Irish Studies, said that "the creation of the School was the result of an extraordinary three-way collaboration over the years between faculty and administrators at Concordia, the governments of Quebec, Canada and Ireland, and members of the Irish-Canadian community, especially the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation and St. Patrick's Society of Montreal.

As well, the growth of this discipline at Concordia could not have taken place without the enthusiastic involvement in academic courses and other activities of more than seven thousand students."

Having the Centre for Canadian Irish Studies reclassified as a School will provide more flexibility to manage the increasing number of students enrolled and a greater ability to advance the academic interests of Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia, as well as nationally and internationally.

With the creation of the School, new faculty members, including the Johnson Chair, will be appointed. Future plans include moving the school from the Centre's current location in the Bronfman Building to a more central one on Concordia's Sir George campus.

Professor Appointed in Irish History

Concordia University's Centre for Canadian Irish Studies is pleased to welcome Gavin Foster, a tenured-track professor in Irish history. Gavin is currently completing a PhD in Modern European History at the University of Notre Dame with a concentration in Modern Ireland and Britain. His dissertation is entitled "The Social Structures and Cultural Politics of the Irish Civil War."

Gavin Foster has been actively engaged in the interdisciplinary field of Irish Studies as a graduate student representative with the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies at Notre Dame. He has taught at both Notre Dame and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Gavin completed his M.A. in History at Notre Dame in 2006 and his B.A. in Philosophy and Religion at San Francisco State University in 1994.

Gavin Foster

He was awarded a pre-doctoral fellowship from the UND Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning for 2008-2009, as well as a Dissertation Year Fellowship from the UND Kellogg Institute for International Studies for 2006-2007.

Irish Government Funds Visiting Scholars at Concordia

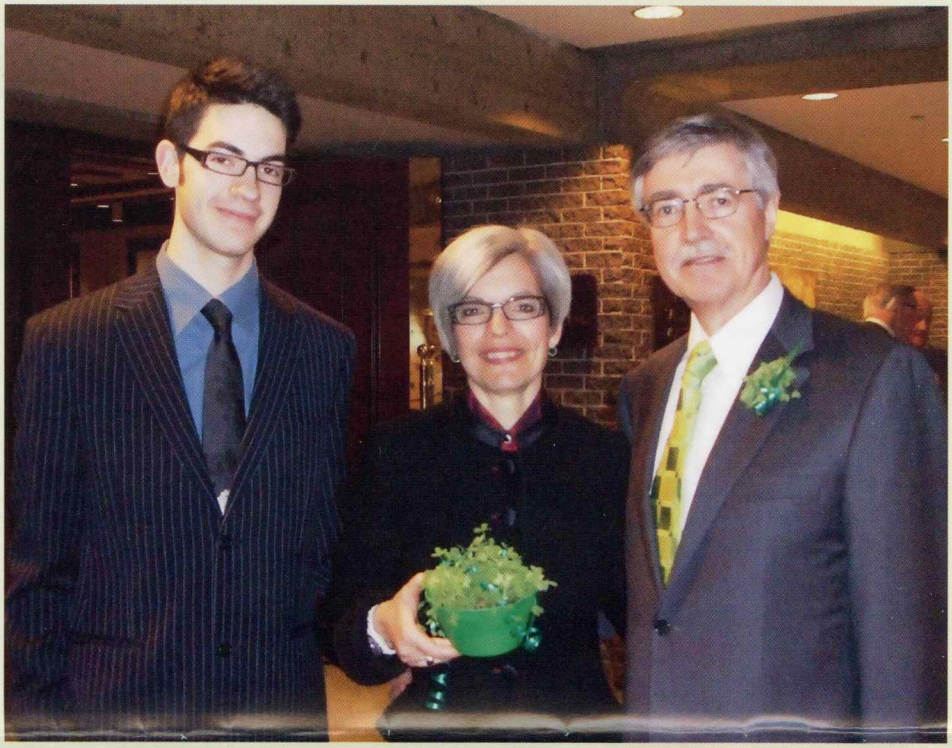
The Government of Ireland has chosen the School of Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia University to host two visiting scholars in the Irish language for the 2009-2010 academic year. In a special arrangement with the Ireland-Canada University Foundation, the Government will provide approximately $130,000 for a senior and junior Visiting Scholar to teach courses in the Irish language and conduct research during a nine-month visit to the university.

The choice of Concordia by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs greatly enhances the profile of the School of Canadian Irish Studies as it begins to develop plans for the future. The Minister, Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D., who is a grandson of Eamon De Valera, has a deep commitment to the preservation and promotion of the Irish language, in the Irish Diaspora as well as in Ireland.

Irene Mulroney Scholarship Increased by $10,000

The endowment fund of the Irene Mulroney Undergraduate Scholarship will receive an additional $10,000, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Brian Mulroney. The scholarship will now have an endowment of $65,810 which will generate an annual scholarship of $3,300, the most important undergraduate scholarship awarded by Canadian Irish Studies. The Chair of the Foundation, Brian O'Neill Gallery, and the Trustees extend their deep appreciation to Mr. Mulroney for supporting this scholarship, named in honour of his late mother, awarded each Fall semester to the highest achieving undergraduate student in Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia University. The 2008 recipient of this award was Cameron Fenton.

Michael Kenneally Receives St. Patrick's Society Community Award



Seen at the St. Patrick's Society Luncheon at which he received the 2009 Community Award are: Dr. Michael Kenneally, Dr. Rhona Richman Kenneally and their son Gavin Kenneally, a student in Mechanical Engineering at Concordia.

Dr. Michael Kenneally was recently honoured by the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal as the 2009 recipient of its Community Award. The committee's unanimous choice of Dr. Kenneally acknowledged his contributions to the Irish community in Montreal, particularly for his role as founding director of the Centre for Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia University. To quote the Society's Immediate Past-President, Mary McDaid: "As St. Patrick's Society marks its 175 years with an exhibition in celebration of our history, there can be no doubt that the greatest and most dramatic contribution to Irish Quebec in our generation is the emergence of the Centre for Canadian Irish Studies as a nationally and internationally recognized witness to the importance of the Irish to Quebec and to Canada." Dr. Kenneally accepted the award at the Society's annual luncheon on March 17th.

Summer Visiting Researcher from Ireland

Dr. Mary C. Murphy, Lecturer in Politics with the Department of Government, University College Cork, will visit Concordia during the Summer 2009 term. Dr. Murphy will be working with both the Centre for Canadian Irish Studies and the Department of Government at Concordia. She is currently conducting research on parliamentary reform in Ireland. During her visit from April to July, she will be investigating the debate on parliamentary reform in Canada. Dr. Murphy says, "With both the Irish and Canadian parliamentary systems being representative of the Westminster system, there is merit in a comparative approach."

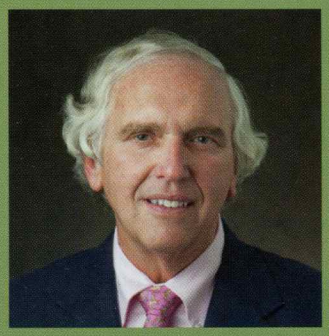
Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth Maloney*

Major Grant for Irish Studies Awarded

Dr. Rhona Richman Kenneally, who is a professor in Concordia's Department of Design and Computation Arts, has been awarded a $100,000 grant by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) to study Irish food culture and women's identities in mid-twentieth-century Ireland. Building on her previous research on food and identity in Canada, this four-year project will examine how the home can be explored as a site of agency for Irish women who ushered in significant changes in 1950s and 60s Ireland through their embrace of the forces of modernity, including electrification and the consequent transformation of the kitchen. In particular, the study will examine how a range of Irish images (paintings, advertisements, photographs, postcards); objects ("women's" magazines, cookbooks, souvenirs, kitchen furniture and appliances) and the architecture of the home can be read as indicators of individual and national transformation at a pivotal moment in the history of modern Ireland.

New Trustees Recently Named by Chair of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation

Brian O'Neill Gallery is pleased to announce the appointment of four new Trustees to the board.

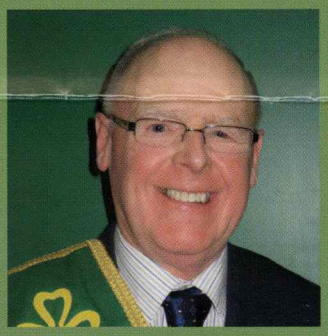


Daniel Colson

After graduating from Loyola College, Dan Colson attended law school and then moved to London, England in 1974. He practised law with Stikeman, Elliott for more than twenty years; he was then CEO of The Telegraph Group plc for approximately fourteen years before being appointed Chairman of Hellespont Shipping Corporation several years ago. Dan divides his time between London and Knowlton, Quebec.

Patrick John Keenan

Pat Keenan attended McGill University, and he has had a long and distinguished business career. He was Chairman of Canada Development Investment Corporation; President, CEO and a Director of Patino N.V.; and Chairman of the Board of Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital, with which he has been associated for 24 years, currently as a Director of the Foundation. Pat is a Member of both the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario.



John Little

John Little attended Loyola College and completed his medical degree in ophthalmology at the Montreal General and Children's Hospitals. He has worked at the Children's since 1970, serving as Director of Pediatric Ophthalmology from 1975 to 1998. John is associated with several Montreal sports associations, including Les Canadiens (since 1972). He was President of the St. Patrick's Society from 2004 to 2006, and the Erin Sports Association's Irishman of the Year for 2009.

David Scott

David Scott attended Loyola College and the Université de Montréal, and completed his L.L.B. at the University of Ottawa. He has been practising at Borden Ladner Gervais since 1962. David has played a key leadership role in many charitable organizations, including the University of Ottawa Heart Institute Campaign Cabinet, on which he continues to serve. His special honours include the Advocates' Society Medal and the OBA Award for Excellence in Civil Litigation.

Academic Exchange with University College Cork

The Centre for Canadian Irish Studies is pleased to announce that Concordia University has signed a bilateral agreement with University College Cork in Ireland to facilitate student and faculty exchanges. Founded in 1845, University College Cork is one of Ireland's oldest Universities; it is one of the three constituent colleges of the National University of Ireland – with UC Dublin and UC Galway – each with its areas of academic specialization and research strengths.

Concordia's contact with UCC started with Dr. Michael Kenneally's work in Irish Studies and his relations with faculty members at UCC.

The new agreement will permit Concordia and UCC to exchange two undergraduate or graduate students per semester (four per year) university wide, and priority will be given, at Concordia, to students in the Canadian Irish Studies program. There are plans to set up a more thorough awareness campaign for exchange opportunities at both universities.

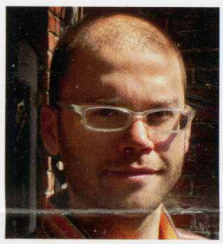
It is hoped that there will be increased interest from varied faculties in the exchange program, particularly when there is a strong link with faculty research.
For more information about the exchange, please contact liselyn.adams@concordia.ca or cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca.

2008 Scholarship Winners

Sean Treacy Scholarship
Anne Coulter

"I am a former registered nurse, specializing in pastoral care. I went back to school for a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, but changed to a major in Theology. One of my courses was on Celtic Christianity. I had visited Ireland for the first time in 2002, and the course renewed my enthusiasm for my ancestry. I decided to minor in Irish Studies to learn more about how the Irish brought their own sense of belonging to Canada."

Fr. Thomas Daniel McEntee Graduate Scholarship
Antoine Guillemette



"This scholarship will allow me to attend the prestigious Keough-Naughton Irish Seminar in Dublin this summer. Aiming to promote new knowledge in Irish Studies, and set in an exceptional intellectual environment, this seminar will give me unprecedented access to renowned scholars and the many libraries and archival centres in the capital. This unique experience will certainly help me produce an original and challenging thesis. Encore une fois merci!"

Irene Mulroney Scholarship
Cameron Fenton

"I am entering my final year of undergraduate studies in Anthropology and Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia, after which I hope to pursue postgraduate studies in Law, specializing in Environmental and Social Justice Law. My interest in Irish studies lies in understanding the complex relationship between culture and nationalism, especially the role of music and youth in the nationalist project. Both Ireland and Quebec offer a wide array of examples of this phenomenon for study."

J.-Armand Bombardier Scholarship
Christine Sherrington

Christine is working on a Major in Art Education, as well as a Minor in Canadian Irish Studies. Aside from her fascination with Irish cultural history, she is interested in exploring how the program complements the courses she is taking for her major. Christine was also the recipient of the 2007 Moira Ann Snow Scholarship.

St. Patrick's Society Graduate Scholarship
Deanna Del Vecchio and Laurel Hart

Deanna Del Vecchio and Laurel Hart are Master's students working on installation artwork on the subject of Griffintown. The project is envisioned as a public commemoration to take place at Concordia that will include scholars and members of the public, using art as a means of community expression. "The grant will allow us to upgrade our technology, and to create the elements of the installation with professional quality." Laurel Hart has been working within Project Tête-à-tête, a multi-cultural inter-generational research project where teenagers who are Canadian immigrants and the children of immigrants are brought together to cross-interview each other's parents and grandparents. The artworks created by the students from the project will culminate in an exhibition at the Musée des Beaux Arts.

St. Patrick's Society Graduate Scholarship
Sonya Ocampo-Gooding

Sonya was born in Cali, Colombia and obtained a BFA in Art History from Concordia. She is registered in the Special Interdisciplinary Program, and she will combine research from Art History, Theology and Irish Studies for her thesis topic, "Sheela-na-gig: An Inspirational Figure for Contemporary Irish Art." The St. Patrick's Society Scholarship will allow Sonya to accept an invitation as a visiting researcher at TRIARC, the Irish Art Research Centre at Trinity College Dubin.

Fr. Shaun Gerard McCarthy Govenlock Graduate Scholarship
Kate Fitzpatrick

"My academic background in North American Studies (McGill) and Military History (Laurier) has fostered an underlying interest in interdisciplinary studies, cultural history and how violence is both controlled and co-opted by the modern state. In particular, I seek to explore how Irish immigrants negotiated a space for themselves in industrializing 19th Century Montreal. Once the British Garrison left in 1870, Irish-born and Canadian members of the Irish diaspora, along with their French-Canadian colleagues were at the "sharp end" of power and control on the streets of Canada's largest city. I look forward to examining the economic, religious and moral landscape of this period during my PhD studies under the supervision of Dr. Ronald Rudin."

Francis Hincks Scholarship
Geoffrey Aucoin

Geoff Aucoin has been enamoured with Irish folklore since childhood. Along with his interest in Irish literature and music, this played a large role in his decision to take a Minor in Irish Studies. He is currently majoring in Film, with the goal of becoming an editor. He hopes to travel to Ireland to study Irish music, and after completing his degree, would like to backpack around the Aran Islands.

Stephen Dowd Scholarship
Jean-Marc Leduc

"This will be my final semester as an undergraduate student. In May, at a conference to be held at the University of Ottawa, I will be presenting the results of an independent research study on representations of the Irish in Québec literature. I now intend to pursue a career in teaching. Thank you for the financial aid which allowed me to focus my efforts on my studies."

Arthur Meighen Scholarship
Jenny Leigh Dancer

"While volunteering at my elementary school library, I encountered the works of Canadian Irish author O.R. Melling, thus beginning a long love of Irish folklore and myth. This year in university, I happened across the Canadian Irish Studies program and began taking classes in Irish Gaelic and an introductory course in Canadian Irish Studies. Both courses taught me a great deal, and I am continuing to learn Irish Gaelic."

Matthew Hamilton Gault Scholarship
Katherine Chirke

"I will be completing my Bachelor's degree this spring with a Major in Political Science and a Minor in Canadian Irish Studies. I have been accepted into the Graduate Studies Program at Queens University in Political Studies with a specialization in International Relations. I have spent three summers with the SWAP (Students Working Abroad Program) in Ireland and enjoyed it very much. In the future I see myself either working in foreign affairs or lecturing at the university level."

Moira Ann Snow Scholarship
Josephine Cher

"I have completed my Bachelor's degree in Human Relations with a Minor in Canadian Irish Studies. My future goals are centred on community and international work in the non-profit sector. Having completed an independent study in Ireland this past summer, I hope to continue my studies in Europe at the Master's level. My experiences in Ireland led to a discovery between my heritage and the rich and storied history of Ireland."

Mary Travers Scholarship
Nadia Fabrizi

"The enthusiasm, dedication, and critical awareness shown by the professors at the Centre for Canadian Irish Studies has truly transformed my conception of the field of Irish Studies. The program has not only broadened my understanding of English Literature, but it has allowed me to become a small part of this truly beautiful and unshakable community, even though I can't claim Irish heritage."

Geraldine O'Loghlin Stanford Scholarship
Natasha Forgues

"My Major is in Linguistics with a Minor in Canadian Irish Studies. I worked in Ireland during the summer and developed an interest in learning more about Irish history and culture. I hope to return to Ireland for a field study. With so many people of Irish descent in Montreal and Canada, having a program like Canadian Irish Studies is really important. I am very grateful for the support I have received."

Gerard Keyes Scholarship
Valerie Shannon

"I am taking courses for the Certificate in Canadian Irish Studies as a way to deepen my understanding of my family history; the history of Ireland and Northern Ireland; and the realities in which I live in Quebec society. As a retired nurse, I am pursuing an intellectual dream of studying outside my discipline and within areas of passionate interest." Valerie was also the recipient of the 2007 Gerard Keyes Scholarship.

Timothy Edward McIninch Scholarship
Teresa Bowyer

"Canadian Irish Studies courses taken as part of my B.A. in English Literature awakened an interest in my ancestral roots and inspired me to pursue a direct encounter with the Irish landscape and people. My current participation in several Irish artist residencies has been greatly enriched by my studies at Concordia. I will continue to explore Irish literature and history when I return to Canada."

Irish Protestant Benevolent Society Scholarship
Kristin Tedd

"I am currently completing my undergraduate degree at Concordia University with a Major in English Literature and a Minor in Canadian Irish Studies. Before my university studies, I had the opportunity to live and work in Ireland and I became captivated by Irish culture and history. With this experience I jumped at the opportunity to register for any Irish literature courses that were offered in my major."

A Note on Scholarships

The awards listed above are made possible through the generosity of the friends of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation and alumni of Concordia. Every year, there are students who would not be able to continue their studies without such support. If you would like to help these students and reward academic excellence by raising the value of existing scholarships or by establishing a new one please contact us at (514) 848-8711 or cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca.

New Exchange Student in Canadian Irish Studies

Patricia de Aquino Prudente, an undergraduate student from the University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil, has been selected to attend undergraduate courses at Concordia University through an exchange program between Concordia and USP. Patricia has been conducting research on the Irish in South America and will be attending Concordia for one term, starting in August 2009. She wishes to study Canadian Irish writers and is enrolled in the Introduction to Canadian Irish Studies and Contemporary Irish Literature this fall.

Keough-Naughton Scholarship

Concordia University's Centre for Canadian Irish Studies and the Keough-Naughton Notre-Dame Centre in Dublin are pleased to announce a jointly-supported scholarship for a Concordia graduate student to participate in the 2009 Irish Seminar in Dublin. Antoine Guillemette (see page 4), will receive €2,000 from The Keough-Naughton Notre-Dame Centre to cover tuition fees, and a further $2,000 CAD as recipient of the Fr. Thomas Daniel McEntee Scholarship in Canadian Irish Studies towards travel and accommodation.

Concordia Student to Attend Aberdeen Conference

Amanda Leigh Cox, an MA student at Concordia, has been accepted to speak at the University of Aberdeen's Irish and Scottish Studies Conference in Aberdeen. She will be discussing her current MA thesis topic on active and passive resistance in translation, as demonstrated by *The Cattle Raid of Cooley* and *Evangeline*. Amanda was the recipient of the 2006 United Irish Societies of Montreal Graduate Scholarship in Canadian Irish Studies.

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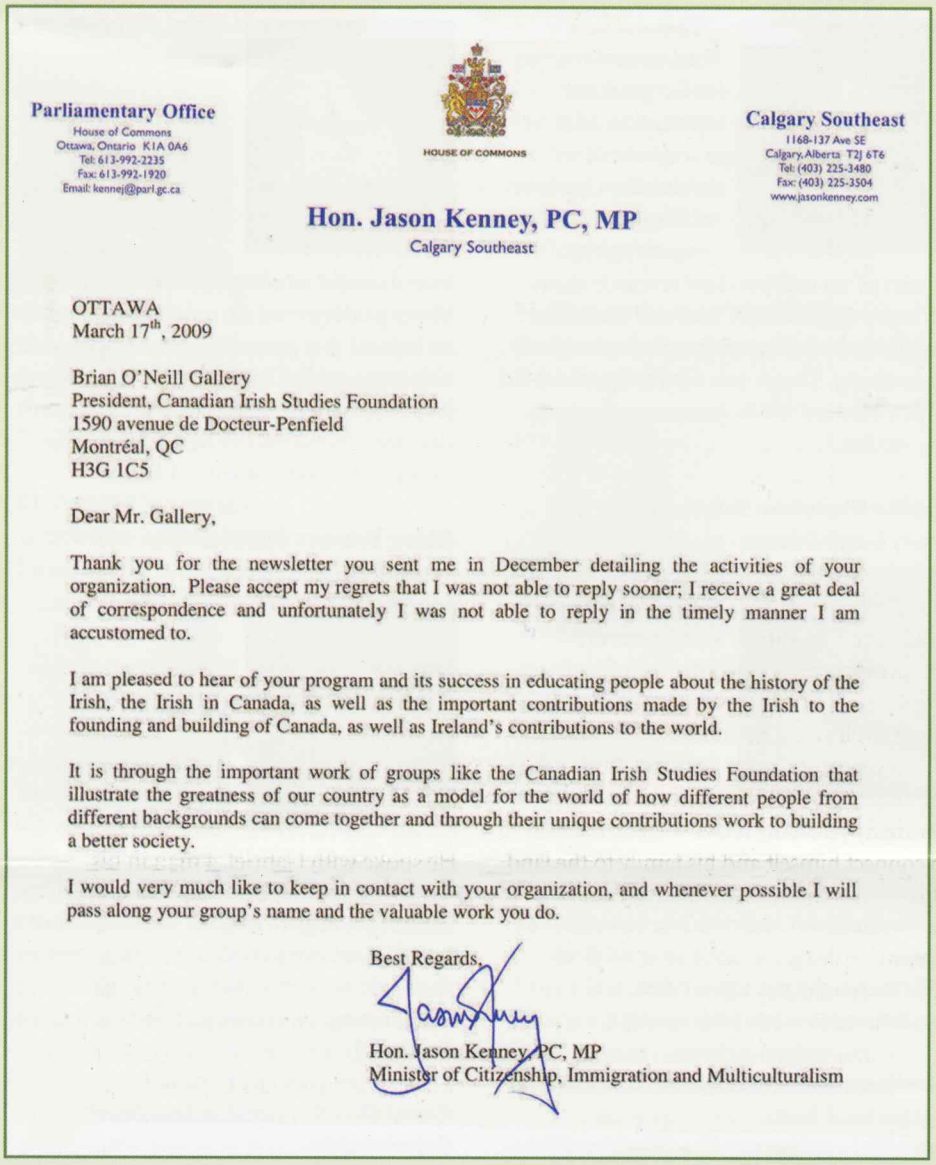

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Dear Mr. Gallery,

Thank you for the newsletter you sent me in December detailing the activities of your organization. Please accept my regrets that I was not able to reply sooner; I receive a great deal of correspondence and unfortunately I was not able to reply in the timely manner I am accustomed to.

I am pleased to hear of your program and its success in educating people about the history of the Irish, the Irish in Canada, as well as the important contributions made by the Irish to the founding and building of Canada, as well as Ireland's contributions to the world.

It is through the important work of groups like the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation that illustrate the greatness of our country as a model for the world of how different people from different backgrounds can come together and through their unique contributions work to building a better society.

I would very much like to keep in contact with your organization, and whenever possible I will pass along your group's name and the valuable work you do.

Best Regards,

Hon. Jason Kenney, PC, MP
Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

Collection of Essays Published

Michael Kenneally has recently co-edited, with Wolfgang Zach, *Literatures in English: Priorities of Research* (Tűbingen, Germany: Stauffenburg Verlag, 2008) a collection of essays based on the conference papers presented at the University of Innsbruck in 2007, at the Centre for the International Study of Literatures in English. Concordia's Centre for Canadian Irish Studies has been involved in several academic collaborations with CISLE in recent years, and a joint conference is planned to be held at Concordia in 2010.

Congratulations to Sean Finn

Sean Finn was recently appointed Executive Vice President Corporate Services at Canadian National. Mr. Finn is a Trustee of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation and we wish him every success with his new responsibilities.

The Road Back Home

"I'm Irish" is a statement that has been made countless times by innumerable people all over the world. For my generation, the association is a positive one, received with a smile or, on St. Patrick's Day, a kiss. Today it seems everyone wants to claim that little bit of the Emerald Isle for themselves. Many have travelled to Erin in hope of finding that fabled vision of the 'real Ireland'.

For many years, my father worked tirelessly to connect himself and his family to the land of his forefathers. His renewed interest in his roots may have been the result of losing his parents or, like so many of us, he may have been hypnotized by the stripes of the Celtic Tiger. Regardless of the reasons, his love for his family and interest in our roots allowed me to connect with a people and place long gone.

My image of a drive across Ireland with my father encompassed an old two-door Ford Fiesta, sheep crossings and Biblical-like rainstorms. This vision pleasantly vanished, however, when the lovely Polish girl at the car rental upgraded us to a new Mercedes Benz. Obviously, the Celtic Tiger was still in full swing! The sky was the colour of the Aegean Sea, a shade of blue brighter than I had ever seen. Apollo was not to be outdone by Poseidon as they battled for supremacy in the Dublin sky.

We followed the sun southwest, with a little help from the car's G.P.S., to Co. Kerry and the town of Kenmare. Upon arriving on the hills of Killaha, just outside the town, the landscape devoured our senses. Across the bay, the majestic MacGillycuddy Reeks steeped their way down to the mouth of the River of Kenmare as the sun sparkled off the waters that lead to the Atlantic. In my thirty-one years, I had never seen anything so beautiful.

My father had been planning this trip for well over a year. He researched birth, marriage and death certificates both in Ottawa and in Tralee. He wanted to find the plot of land which his forefathers had left during the brutal years of the Famine. He spoke with Gabriel, a man in his eighties, at the old post office at the Blackwater Bridge. Like his father before him, Gabriel had been the postmaster for over half a century. He knew the names, faces and stories of everyone in Doon Townland, and directed my father to a woman named Sadie O'Donohue.

After being warmly welcomed in her house, my father chatted with Sadie over cups of tea. She remembered, through stories from her family, the names Harrington and O'Connor. She believed that there were still remnants of the old homestead, although she could not be sure, because at the age of 90, she "did not care much for hill walking." We walked along a worn path and brushed aside the bracken and flora. The mews of sheep and their lambs filled the air, as a salty sea breeze kissed our cheeks. As we came around the corner, a dilapidated house was perched precariously on the path. The roof was just a memory, the windows broken and trees were growing out of the foundation, weaving their way up and down the exterior walls. As I stood in the doorway of the home that once belonged to my clan, I realized how far we had come.

In that moment, I realized that I am Irish. Not because of my name, or the land where half of my family came from, but because the memory of that house and the people who lived there shall always remain in my heart and mind, wherever they both shall wander.

By Tim O'Connor, Canadian Irish Studies student and son of Trustee John J. O'Connor.

Donation of Historical Books

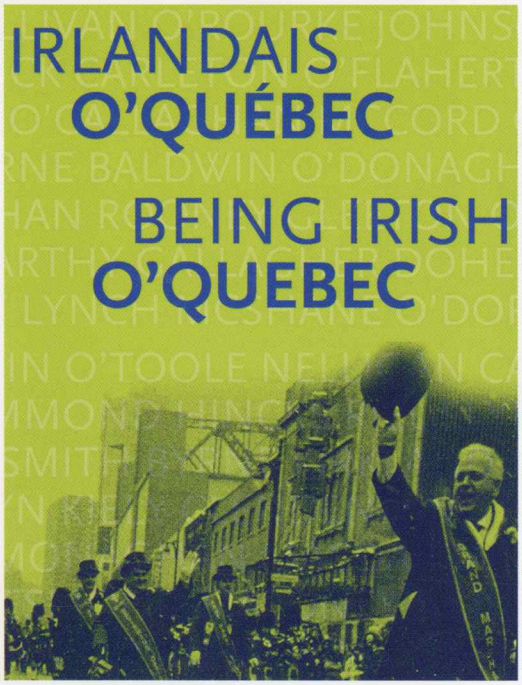
Two interesting books have been generously donated to Canadian Irish Studies. Robert and Maura Wilkins have given a bound volume of the eight copies of the *St. Patrick's Message* published in 1922, the 75th anniversary of the original dedication of St. Patrick's Basilica. Aside from the various items that appear in these church bulletins are numerous advertisements placed by companies from the Irish population. Among the names that appear are: Brennan, Collins, Dawson, Gahan, Gallery, Halpin, Kane, Kennedy, Phelan, Quinlan, Sheehy, Shannon and Shorthall. There are also lists of individual contributors, along with prominent members of the community who died in that year. This book is a mine of information for researchers on the social and economic profile of Montreal's Irish community in the second decade of the twentieth century.

A well-known work on the social history of 18th century Ireland by the Abbé James MacGeoghegan (1702-1763), *The History of Ireland*, has been donated by Elizabeth Waymann in memory of Loyal Alexander Thomson of Thurso, Quebec. Abbé MacGeoghegan was born in Westmeath, Ireland, but spent most of his life as a priest in France. Dedicated to "The Irish Brigade," this book was originally published in French in 1758; Ms Waymann's gift is the American edition of 1845.

Independent Field Study Course in Ireland

The Centre for Canadian Irish Studies is offering a summer course of independent study in Ireland. The three-credit course allows students to tailor a project with a supervisor while obtaining credit for it at Concordia. For example, students may take a program of study at the Yeats Summer School and submit a supervised report or project to obtain credit. IRST 290 consists of three stages: 1) Bibliographical work in preparation for going to Ireland, 2) Following an organized summer study program while in Ireland, 3) Follow-up assignment on return from Ireland. For information, contact cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca

"Being Irish O'Quebec" Exhibition at McCord Museum

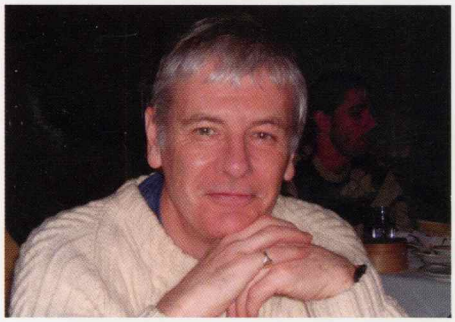


"Being Irish O'Quebec" at the McCord Museum of Canadian History in Montreal , 690 Sherbrooke Street West. It runs until April 4, 2010

"Being Irish O'Quebec" is a new exhibition at the McCord Museum of Canadian History in Montreal. It opened on Friday, March 20, 2009 and runs until April 4, 2010. The exhibition explores the integration of Irish immigrants and their contribution to the social, cultural, political and economic landscape of Quebec. Curated by Lorraine O'Donnell, the exhibition showcases personal stories, using interactive multimedia installations and objects from the McCord collection and from other museums, as well as artifacts contributed by families and individuals in Quebec. The exhibition was produced by the McCord Museum in collaboration with the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, and the Irish communities of Quebec.
For more information, visit www.mccord-museum.qc.ca.

Lecture on the Orange Order in Canada

The Second Annual Irish Protestant Benevolent Society Lecture in Canadian Irish Studies will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 8:00 pm at the University Club of Montreal, 2047 rue Mansfield. The speaker is David A. Wilson, Professor of Celtic Studies at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. He is the author of several books, including *Ireland, A Bicycle and a Tin Whistle*, and *Thomas Darcy McGee: Passion, Reason and Politics*. Prof. Wilson has recently edited a book on the Orange Order in Canada, which is the subject of this lecture. The lecture is open to the public free of charge.



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